OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LTC #247-2013

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

July 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Future FDOT Roadway Projects on Alton Road

LETTER TO COMMISSIC

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform you that FDOT is developing the design for two (2) projects on Alton Road that are planned for construction in 2016 and 2017. respectively. City staff from various departments has been providing input on the preliminary design drawings.

In order to offer the community the opportunity to review the project design and address any questions or concerns, as part of its public information program, FDOT plans to conduct a community meeting for each project at the appropriate time prior to construction. Below is a summary of each project.

# Alton Road from Michigan Avenue to Ed Sullivan Drive/43rd Street

FDOT is developing preliminary design drawings for a resurfacing project on Alton Road from Michigan Avenue to Ed Sullivan Drive/43rd Street. The project consists of the following work:

- Milling and resurfacing along Alton Road from Michigan Avenue to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Upgrading signage and pavement markings
- Upgrading pedestrian ramps which do not meet ADA Standards
- Adding sections of paved shoulder and isolated drainage improvements
- Providing an additional southbound left-turn bay (for a total of 2) at the intersection of Alton Road and Michigan Avenue
- Adding bicycle facilities to the west side (southbound direction) of Alton Road (there are existing bicycle lanes in the northbound direction)

The proposed additional left turn lane capacity improvements at the intersection of Alton Road and Michigan Avenue may impact some existing trees and driveways located in the right-of-way on the west side of Alton Road from the intersection to approximately 500 feet to the north. City staff has reviewed the preliminary drawings and requested that FDOT evaluate alternative options to avoid or minimize impacts to the swale area abutting homes on the west side of Alton Road.

The estimated construction cost of the project is \$2.4 million. Construction is expected to begin mid-2016 and last about eight (8) months.

# Alton Road from 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to just east of Allison Road

FDOT is developing preliminary design drawings for a roadway reconstruction project along Alton Road between 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and the bridge just east of Allison Road. For the portion between 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Pine Tree Drive, the project consists of the following work:

- Roadway reconstruction, including upgrading drainage structures, pedestrian ramps, and sidewalks to current standards
- Installing dedicated bicycle lanes and shared bicycle lanes (sharrows) along the corridor
- Widening the parking lanes from 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to Pine Tree Drive to 8 feet
- Reducing the travel lane widths at various locations from 11 feet to 10 feet
- Narrowing the width of the existing median at various locations from 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to Pine Tree Drive from approximately 15.5 feet to approximately 10 feet
- Salvaging existing trees and relocating landscape that pose safety hazard

The proposed narrowing of the median width will have some impact on a few existing trees located in the median of Alton Road between 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 44<sup>th</sup> Court and at 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. All efforts will be made by the FDOT to salvage and relocate the impacted trees to other locations in the median within the project limits.

For the portion between Pine Tree Drive and the bridge just east of Allison Road, the project proposes to reduce the width of the inside travel lanes to 10 feet and to provide 12-foot outside travel lanes with sharrows in each direction.

The estimated construction cost of the project is \$11.8 million. FDOT anticipates beginning design in May 2014 and construction in mid-2017.

Throughout the design review process, City departments, including Public Works/Transportation, Planning, Parking, and Parks and Greenspace Management will continue to provide input on the design drawings for both projects to ensure that each project will minimize impacts to the community and improve its quality-of-life.

We will continue to provide updates via LTCs once additional information from the FDOT becomes available.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT SIX

State Road (SR) 907/Alton Road from Michigan Avenue to Ed Sullivan Drive (43<sup>rd</sup> Street)

Project Identification Number: 429193-1 and 429193-2

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six is developing the design for a roadway project along SR 907/Alton Road, within the above-stated limits in the City of Miami Beach in Miami-Dade County.

## DETAILS OF THE PROJECT

- Milling and resurfacing along Alton Road from Michigan Avenue to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Upgrading signage and pavement markings
- Upgrading pedestrian ramps which do not meet
   ADA Standards
- Adding sections of paved shoulder and isolated drainage improvements
- Providing an additional southbound left-turn
   bay (for a total of 2) at the intersection of Alton
   Road and Michigan Avenue

# **ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST**

Approximately \$2.4 million

### CONSTRUCTION START DATE

Construction is expected to begin in April 2016 and last about eight months.

## POSSIBLE EFFECTS DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Temporary sidewalk, lane and road closures during non-peak hours from:
  - o 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday through Friday
  - o 12 a.m. to 9 a.m., Saturday and Sunday
- For any driveway work, at least one driveway entrance will stay open at all times. Any driveway work will be coordinated with each property owner and done at a mutually convenient time.

## MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC

Maintenance of traffic shall occur during non-peak hours only. The contractor shall keep all lanes open during peak hours. Work will be done in phases to reduce impact to drivers, local residents and businesses. Road closures and detours are anticipated during the construction phase of this project. The detour route will be clearly indicated with directional signs.







# PROJECT MEETING NOTIFICATION FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT SIX

State Road (SR) 907/Alton Road From 43 Street to East of Allison Road

Project Identification Number: 430444-1-52-01

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six is developing the design for a roadway reconstruction project along SR 907/Alton Road, in Miami-Dade County.

## **PROJECT DETAILS:**

- Reducing the size of the median widths at various locations
- Roadway reconstruction
- Reducing travel lane widths at various locations
- Widening existing parking lanes from 43 Street to Pine Tree Drive
- Installing bicycle lanes and shared bicycle lanes (sharrows)
- Upgrading pedestrian ramps and sidewalks to "current standards"
- Salvaging existing trees and relocating landscape that pose safety hazard
- Upgrading drainage structures

## **PROJECT DATES**

Construction is expected to begin in May 2017 and last for a time yet to be determined.

# **ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST**

\$11.8 million

# POSSIBLE EFFECTS DURING CONSTRUCTION

Traffic lanes and sidewalks will be closed at times for safety reasons. One lane of traffic in each direction will remain open at all times.

# MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC

Work will be done in phases to reduce the effects of construction on the community.

Driveways and entrances to residences/condominiums and businesses will remain open.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: In order to offer you the opportunity to review the project design and answer your questions, we invite you to join us:

TIME:

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

DATE:

**TBD** 

**LOCATION:** 

**TBD** 

The meeting will follow an informal format allowing the public to arrive at any time from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Graphic displays will be shown and FDOT representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer questions about the project. Your participation is encouraged and will give us the opportunity to listen to your comments and address your concerns. Public participation at this meeting is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, gender, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact, at least seven days prior to the meeting, Brian Rick at (305) 470-5349 or in writing at-FDOT-1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172 or by email at: brian.rick@dot.state.fl.us

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions or comments, please contact FDOT Public information Specialist Jeannette Lazo by telephone at (786) 269-4146 or by email at -Jeannette@iscprgroup.com. Please let us know how you prefer to receive information about future projects (mail, email, or other). Your comments are important to us. Please visit our website: www.fdotmiamidade.com. Thank you for your participation.



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